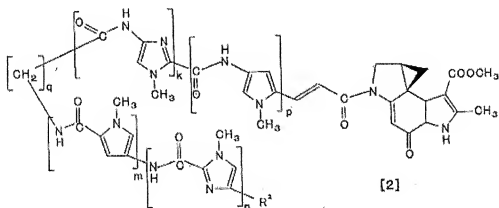
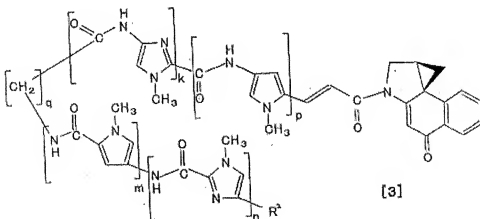


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled).
2. (Previously Presented) A hairpin polyamide having an alkylation reaction site via a vinyl linker on the terminal of a pyrrole-imidazole polyamide, wherein the hairpin polyamide is a compound represented by Formula [2]:

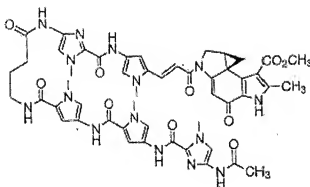


in which R^2 is a hydrogen, an alkyl group or an acetamide group, and k, p, q, m and n represents a natural number from 1 to 10 respectively or Formula [3].

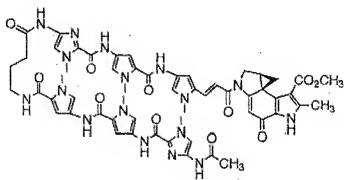


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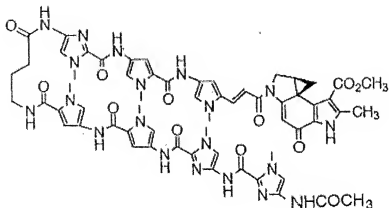
3. (Canceled).
4. (Currently Amended) The hairpin polyamide according to Claim 2 wherein the compound represented by Formula [2] is a compound represented by the following structural formula:



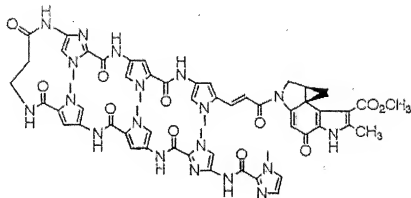
5. (Currently Amended) The hairpin polyamide according to Claim 2 wherein the compound represented by Formula [2] is a compound represented by the following structural formula:



6. (Currently Amended) The hairpin polyamide according to Claim 2 wherein the compound represented by Formula [2] is a compound represented by the following structural formula:

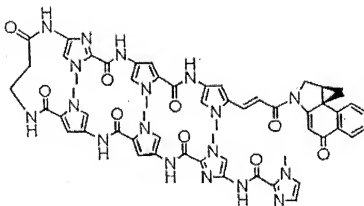


7. (Currently Amended) The hairpin polyamide according to Claim 2 wherein the compound represented by Formula [2] is a compound represented by the following structural formula:



8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) The hairpin polyamide according to Claim 2 wherein the compound represented by Formula [3] is a compound represented by the following structural formula:



10. (Previously Presented) An agent inhibiting the expression of a specific gene which comprises a hairpin polyamide according to any of Claims 2, 4-7 and 9.
11. (Original) An agent according to Claim 10 wherein said specific gene is an abnormal gene.
12. (Canceled).